REMARKS

Claims 1-50 were pending. Claims 21-37 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 38, 40, 43, 44 and 45 previously depended from claim 37; they have been amended so that they now stand in independent form. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments are supported by the specification, claims, abstract and drawings as originally filed and that no new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments now place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner's further consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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